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Dear Mr. Zaid:

On 19 May 2008 the office of the Information and Privacy Coordinator received your 19 May 2008 Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request for records concerning the proposed enactment of an anti-leak provision in the 2001 Intelligence Authorization Act. The provision, known informally as the Official Secrets Act, would have criminalized unauthorized disclosure of properly classified information. This request also should include the following:

- 1. Testimony by CIA officials delivered verbally or submitted in writing to any Congressional Committee or Subcommittee pertaining to the proposed enactment of this anti-leak provision.**
- 2. Any correspondence between CIA and any member of Congress, Senator, or Congressional staffer pertaining to the proposed enactment of this anti-leak provision.**
- 3. Records pertaining to the proposed enactment of this anti-leak provision and the opinions of the CIA as an institution and of individual CIA employees regarding the proposed statutory language.**

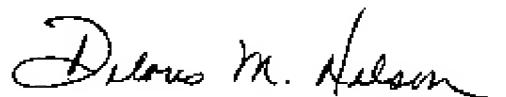
We have assigned your request the reference number above. Please use this number when corresponding so that we can identify it easily.

We accept your request and will process it according to the FOIA, 5 U.S.C. § 552, as amended, and the CIA Information Act, 50 U.S.C. § 431, as amended. Unless you object, we will limit our search to CIA-originated records existing through the date of this acceptance letter.

Because we believe that fees would be minimal, and as an act of administrative discretion, there will be no charge for processing your request.

The large number of FOIA requests CIA receives has created unavoidable delays making it unlikely that we can respond within the 20 working days the FOIA requires. You have the right to consider our honest appraisal as a denial of your request and you may appeal to the Agency Release Panel. A more practical approach would permit us to continue processing your request and respond to you as soon as we can. You will retain your appeal rights and, once you receive the results of our search, can appeal at that time if you wish. We will proceed on that basis unless you object.

Sincerely,



Delores M. Nelson
Information and Privacy Coordinator

